

Remarks/Arguments:**I. Status**

The Office Action dated May 19, 2005 (the "Office Action") has been carefully reviewed. Claims 2-7, 9-18, 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 8, 22-24 and 25-28 have been deemed to include allowable subject matter. (May 19, 2005 office action at p.5).

In this amendment, claims 2 and 20 have been amended to place those claims in a condition for allowance. Claims 4 and 9 have also been amended, and claims 3, 8, 12-18 and 22 have been canceled, without prejudice. New claims 29-32 have been added. Accordingly, claims 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 20, 21 and 23-32 are now pending in this application. Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the application in light of foregoing amendments and following remarks.

II. Claim 2 is in a Condition for Allowance

The Examiner rejected claim 2 as allegedly being anticipated, but deemed claim 8 allowable if rewritten in independent format. (May 19, 2005 office action at pp.2,5) Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 8 and the intervening claim 3. Accordingly, claim 2 is in a condition for allowance.

III. Claims 4-7, 9 and 10

Claims 4-7, 9 and 10 all depend from or have been amended to depend from, claim 2. As discussed above claim 2 is in a condition for allowance. As a consequence, claims 4-7, 9

and 10 are also in a condition for allowance.

IV. Claim 20 is in a Condition for Allowance

The Examiner rejected claim 20 as allegedly being anticipated, but deemed claim 22 allowable if rewritten in independent format. (May 19, 2005 office action at pp.2,5) Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 22. Accordingly, claim 20 is in a condition for allowance.

V. Claims 21, 23 and 24

Claims 21, 23 and 24 all depend from or have been amended to depend from, claim 20. As discussed above claim 20 is in a condition for allowance. As a consequence, claims 21, 23 and 24 are also in a condition for allowance.

VI. New Claims 29-32 are in a Condition for Allowance

The Examiner deemed claim 23 allowable, as originally filed, if rewritten in independent format. (May 19, 2005 office action at p.5). New claim 29 represents claim 23 rewritten in independent format. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 29 is in a condition for allowance.

New claims 30-32 all depend from claim 29. As a consequence, claims 30-32 are also in a condition for allowance.

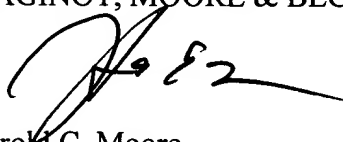
VII. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and favorable consideration of the application.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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